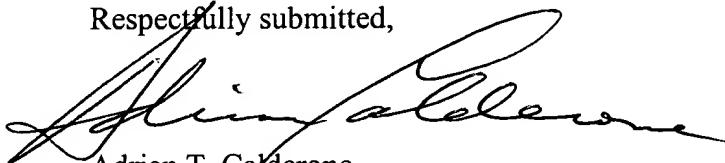




REMARKS

Claims 2 to 23 are pending in this application, all of which have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. More particularly, the filed declaration contains the statement that "... there is a *possible* defect in independent claim 1..." The Examiner argues that this statement suggests only the possibility of an error. Accordingly, Supplemental Declarations are submitted herewith in which the terms *possible* and *possibly* have been deleted. It is respectfully submitted that the defect has been cured in the Supplemental Declarations and that there no longer remains any basis for the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

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